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AMENDMENT AND REPLY  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed April 5, 2002, please consider the following amendments and accompanying remarks. Filed herewith is a MARKED UP COPY OF THE AMENDMENTS UNDER §1.121 including brackets for deletions and underlining for additions. Also filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time requesting a three-month extension of time to respond to the first Official Action. A check is submitted herewith to cover the \$920 fee for the three month extension of time. Also filed herewith is a Petition Under §1.103(a) Requesting Suspension of Action.

In the Drawings

A Letter to the Official Draftsman submitting formal drawings is submitted herewith along with a set of formal drawings.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) A load cell apparatus comprising a cell block adapted to couple to a first structure,